

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 7495

Masakatsu NITAWAKI et al.

Art Unit: 3673

Application No.: 10/559,795

Examiner: Carlos LUGO

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For: VEHICLE DOOR OUTER HANDLE SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: **JANUARY 16, 2009**

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2008.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks**/arguments are presented on page 4.